

City of Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting

Date	May 11, 2016
Location	Library Garden Room

Commission Members:

Name	Present	Absent	Remote
Jeffrey Wolfgang	X		
Bill Tolos	X		
Doris Matte	X		
Mary Ann Guichard	X		
Sheela Tallamraju		X	
Marshal Haneisen		X	
Sharon Tardiff	X		

Guests: Amy LeBlanc, Kathleen Hamelin

Meeting commenced at 10:15 a.m. and Jeff informed the Commission that the meeting was not official due to untimely submission of the agenda for posting. Consensus was reached to provide progress reports on active projects without taking further action until the next meeting in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Item 1: **Minutes** – tabled. Will vote next meeting

Item 2: **Announcements, Notices, Events** – It was announced that Commission member Marshal Haneisen has resigned her position on the Commission.

Item 3: **Commission Structure** – this item was tabled

Item 4: **Accessible Playgrounds and Equipment** – Amy will provide Doris Matte with the email address of the chair of the group development this park.

Item 5: **Housing/Wallace Towers** – Doris raised the issue of a very large pothole in the driveway of Wallace Towers. Jeff will call the FHA to see when this will be repaired. Jeff has also spoken to the FD about how disabled residents will be evacuated from the upper floors in case of fire. His research shows that the ladder truck only reaches 102 feet. He will work with FD to ensure procedures are in place for the safety of these residents. The PD has Disability Indicator forms that residents can fill out, the FD does not currently have one. The FD indicated some buildings have a tenant list by the call box but they need to be updated.

Item 6: **DPW** – Mary Ann Guichard, Bill Tolos and Jeff Wolfgang met with DPW Commissioner Lenny Laakso and Superintendent of Streets Gary Withington regarding a citizen complaint at 3,

5 and 13 Prospect Street. In addition, several sidewalks and curb cuts that had fallen into disrepair were brought to their attention. Mr. Laakso emailed a memorandum confirming the sites and issues to Jeff Wolfgang.

Item 7: **New Business** – Amy mentioned that there is a new housing development going in off of North Main Street. She will follow up to see if any roll in showers will be installed in the accessible units. The lack of this type of accessible fixture is an issue that has been raised about other developments.

Item 7: **Education Subcommittee/SPED** – Tabled

Item 8: **Disability Awareness Event** – Tabled

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for June 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the library Garden Room.